

**CITY OF LODI  
INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2001**

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, February 6, 2001 commencing at 7:04 a.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members – Hitchcock, Howard, and Pennino

Absent: Council Members – Land and Mayor Nakanishi

Also Present: City Manager Flynn, Deputy City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Blackston

NOTE: Mayor Nakanishi was absent from the meeting due to City business while attending the American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally in Washington D.C.

**B. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR UPDATE**

City Clerk Blackston reviewed the weekly calendar (filed).

NOTE: The Shirtsleeve Session was adjourned to the Special closed session meeting at 7:10 a.m. and reconvened at 7:55 a.m.

**C. TOPIC(S)**

C-1 "San Joaquin County Council of Governments (COG) Regional Legislative Agenda"

Mayor Pro Tempore Pennino reported that COG is currently in the process of assembling a legislative agenda for the "San Joaquin One Voice Fly-in to Washington, D.C.," a lobbying and networking effort scheduled for April 1 – 5, 2001.

Deputy City Manager Keeter outlined some of the projects that other cities have submitted to COG. She pointed out that they are not limited solely to regional transit and many are community specific:

Manteca

- Civic Center expansion – \$13.2 million
- Library expansion
- Two fire stations

Ripon

- Groundwater recharge project
- Wetlands for effluent discharge
- 80-acre sports complex
- High-tech business campus
- Water treatment facility

Escalon

- Community park
- Methamphetamine task force operation project
- Streets projects

Tracy

- Transit projects
- Community park
- Animal shelter rehabilitation
- Cultural arts center
- Downtown streetscape

Stockton

- Transit projects
- Neighborhood center

Ms. Keeter reported that COG is submitting the following projects for consideration: 1) Arch/Sperry Road construction project -- \$61 million; 2) Rough and Ready island access -- \$35 million; and 3) Highway 12 safety improvements. COG is also considering other projects throughout the County, e.g., Manteca State Route 120 Interchange -- \$30 million; Lathrop railroad upgrade separation -- \$8 million; and Multi-Species Habitat Plan for land management and acquisition -- \$5 million.

*Continued February 6, 2001*

Ms. Keeter stated that staff has compiled a list of the following Lodi projects to submit to COG and will prepare the necessary written documentation within the week:

- Public safety complex project -- \$18.6 million
- Animal shelter upgrade or construction of a new facility
- Treatment plant upgrade
- Library remodel and expansion
- Indoor sports facility
- Aquatics center

In addition to the projects, Ms. Keeter stated that they will also request the continued funding of: 1) the Community Development Block Grant program; 2) Federal home loan funds; and 3) on behalf of Lodi Unified School District, the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) program for school capital projects.

Mayor Pro Tempore Pennino explained that COG looks at both regional and city specific projects because there are different funding "pots". Regional projects such as the Arch/Sperry Interchange are given a higher priority. Highway 12 is a significant project that Lodi should endorse as a safety issue. He asked that staff provide the Council with more information on the QZAB program.

Council Member Hitchcock recommended that the list of projects be kept relatively short by combining and renaming some of them; e.g., "regional indoor sports facility and aquatics center".

Mayor Pro Tempore Pennino explained that final Council approval of Lodi's projects for the COG legislative agenda will be brought back at a future date; however, due to deadlines, the City Manager will need to submit the project list to COG noting that it is pending Council approval.

**D. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston  
City Clerk

## Mayor's & Council Member's Weekly Calendar

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2001

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Tuesday, February 6, 2001

- Reminder      Nakanishi. APPA Rally, Washington D.C.
- 7:00 a.m.      Shirtsleeve Session  
1. San Joaquin County Council of Governments Regional Legislative Agenda
- 7:00 a.m.      Special Meeting  
1. Closed Session  
a) Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code §54957.6 Agency Negotiator; Dixon Flynn and Joanne Narloch: health insurance coverage provided to all employee organizations
- 8:00 a.m.      Howard. Chamber of Commerce Grape Day, Hutchins Street Square ~ Crete and Kirst Halls. 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Registration; 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. Program; 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wine Tasting; and 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch.

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Wednesday, February 7, 2001

- Reminder      Nakanishi. APPA Rally, Washington D.C.
- 7:00 p.m.      City Council meeting  
7 Presentations  
23 Consent Calendar items  
3 Public Hearings  
3 Regular Calendar items  
No Closed Session items

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Thursday, February 8, 2001

- Reminder      Nakanishi. APPA Rally, Washington D.C.

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Friday, February 9, 2001

- Reminder      Nakanishi. APPA Rally, Washington D.C.

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Saturday, February 10, 2001

- 1:00 p.m.      Land. Cub Scout and Boy Scout Show (Scout-o-rama), Lodi Grape Festival grounds.

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Sunday, February 11, 2001

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Monday, February 12, 2001

Disclaimer: This calendar contains only information that was provided to the City Clerk's office

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## MEMORANDUM

From the Office of *Janet S. Keeter*, Deputy City Manager

TO: H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager

FROM: Janet S. Keeter, Deputy City Manager *JSK*

DATE: February 2, 2001

SUBJECT: San Joaquin Council of Governments Regional Legislative Agenda  
and the "San Joaquin ONE VOICE"

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The San Joaquin Council of Governments (COG) is inviting regional business and political leaders to join in a lobbying effort, "San Joaquin ONE VOICE," in Washington, D.C. from April 1 to April 5, 2001. The purpose of the trip is to introduce regional needs to administrative and congressional officials while also affording the local participants the opportunity to network with their counterparts.

Last year, Council Member Phil Pennino and Transportation Manager Carlos Tobar represented the City of Lodi. In order to fully participate in the pre-planning meetings this year, we need to designate our representatives in the very near future.

In addition, we have been requested to submit issues that the City desires for inclusion in COG's Regional Legislative Agenda. Issues, which automatically come to the forefront, include the following:

1. Public Safety Building Complex Funding
2. Animal Shelter Funding
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Funding
4. Continued Funding of CDBG and HOME Funds
5. Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) Program

It would be helpful to brainstorm additional ideas so that we can fully utilize this opportunity to bring attention to local and regional needs.

Correspondence from COG is attached for your review.

JSK/sl

Attachments



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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor Stephen Mann

From: Mayor Dan Bilbrey  
Chair

Re: Legislative Issues

Date: October 26, 2000

The San Joaquin Council of Governments has started to develop the Regional Legislative Agenda for 2001. Please provide the listing of the City's issues that are regional and the City's desires for inclusion in the Regional Legislative Agenda.

Last year we were successful in bringing attention to our Region as well as bringing resources to several of our regional issues. The attached list identifies our 2000 Priority List and indicates the amount of funding received.

Please put the first week of April on the City's calendar as the scheduled time of our visit to Washington, D.C. to promote our agenda. Further details will be forthcoming.

We look forward to hearing from you.

cc: City Manager  
Councilman Phil Pennino

## 2000 Legislative Priorities for San Joaquin County

Last March, the San Joaquin Council of Governments Board adopted a list of legislative project priorities. The list contained regionally significant projects that San Joaquin agencies wished to pursue through an earmark of federal dollars or through a competitive grant effort. These projects are ones that a contingent of public and private San Joaquin County agencies and organizations brought forward to legislators and administrators in Washington D.C. last April. A summary of the results of that effort follows:

### LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY PROJECTS

**The Arch-Sperry Road extension:** This south Stockton area will provide 1/3 of all new jobs in the Stockton urbanized area. Success will be dependent upon getting the Arch-Sperry Road connected to I-5 to the west. The region's business community and all the local governments in San Joaquin County have concurred that this \$63 million project must be the number one regional priority. Staff is currently exploring state funds through a jobs/housing appropriations bill sponsored by Assemblyman Torlakson.

**Runway extension for the Stockton Metropolitan Airport:** An important opportunity for the region is to expand the cargo carrying capacity of the airport. A runway extension would allow for the largest planes to take off fully loaded in the summer. At present business operations such as Farmington Fresh can only partially load aircraft. The total cost for this critical capital project is \$4.1 million. The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded \$2.23 million to this project.

**Securing new starts rail money for the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE):** The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission has been seeking \$8 million of federal funds earmarked in TEA 21 for rail capital improvements. \$6 million of the funds have been appropriated.

**The San Joaquin Regional Transit District requests:** SJRTD is seeking a number of projects for federal funding. Among the highest priorities is the remodeling of the maintenance/administration building on Lindsey Street (\$9.2 million) and securing a CNG fueling station in the southern part of San Joaquin County (2.4 million).

**Habitat Conservation Plan neighboring landowner protection:** The San Joaquin Regional Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan has a unique and innovative feature that protects landowners adjacent to habitat preserves from the taking of species that migrate to their property. However, this protection is only for the 50-year life of the plan, per U. S. Fish and Wildlife policy. San Joaquin COG is looking to tie the protection to the same length of time as the preserve land, which is in perpetuity. San Joaquin COG is pursuing both changes in policy and in legislation at both the State and Federal level. Through the legislative visit to Washington, staff was able to develop key contacts that helped move Fish & Wildlife through the final evaluation process.

## AGENCY/COMMUNITY REQUESTS

**San Joaquin A+:** This program sought funds for 1,000 additional reading tutors for local schools and provide supplemental income for both high school students and senior citizens to help improve reading levels in area schools. A \$1 million grant from Health and Human Services is currently in appropriations. SJCOG also assisted San Joaquin A+ in acquiring a \$75,000 grant through San Joaquin County Human Services Youth and Family Enrichment Program.

**Welfare-to-Work Transportation Funding:** Commute Connection, SJCOG's regional rideshare program, and the San Joaquin Regional Transit District, have submitted a variety of grant proposals through the Federal Transit Administration's Jobs Access and Reverse Commute Grant Program, which is part of the President's Welfare-to-Work Initiative. Commute Connection has been awarded \$125,000 for two projects—an Internet trip planning program and funds for a transportation coordinator to assist CalWorks clients and employers. SJRTD received \$75,000 from this program to provide 24-hour Dial-a-Ride service, which CalWorks clients may access.

**The Port of Stockton/Rough and Ready Island Conversion:** The Port of Stockton is seeking federal funds for transportation infrastructure to better access the former Navy facility. The island's access was designed with military security in mind—to promote its economic viability, the existing bridge will need to be replaced with a much wider facility, and a new bridge is needed to provide access from Route 4 to the south. The Port is seeking \$32 million.

**Lathrop Grade Separation Project:** Lathrop Road is a key east-west arterial for both the cities of Lathrop and Manteca. Measure K is funding the Union Pacific Crossing, but the Southern Pacific Crossing is not funded. \$8 million is needed to deliver the project, which would address a major safety concern. The railroad tracks divide the community in half and hamper the ability of emergency service vehicles to serve both sides of the tracks.

**Tracy Learning Center:** The Center is a public-private cooperative effort involving the City of Tracy, Tracy Unified School District and San Joaquin Delta College. To be located on 200 acres in southwest Tracy, the Center will be a campus consisting of classes and resources for kindergarten through college level.

# San Joaquin ONE VOICE

***Fly-in to Washington, D.C.***

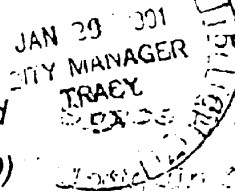
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*Deadline to confirm is  
February 27, 2001*

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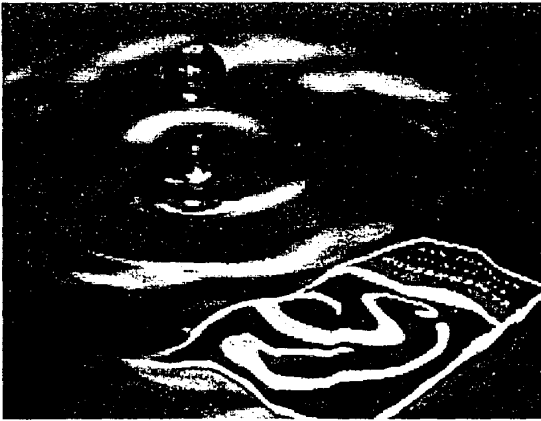
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